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INVENTION:

METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING OPTIMAL BINDING LIGANDS TO A

RECEPTOR

TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action mailed on November 22, 2000, in the above-identified application.

- X Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- Y Petition for a three-month Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- X Appendix A attached to the Response.
- No additional claims fee is required.
- X An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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	NUMBER AFTER		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENTED		RATE		FEE		
	AMEND- MENT						SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	39	_	38	-	1	x	\$9	\$18	_	\$9	\$
INDEPEN- DENT CLAIMS	6	-	5	-	1	х	\$40	\$80	=	\$40	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		_	YES		XX_NO		\$135	\$270	=	\$0	\$
							TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE			\$49	\$

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 $\underline{X}$  A check in the amount of \$494.00 is enclosed, \$49.00 of which covers the additional claims fee and \$445.00 of which covers the fee for a three-month extension of time.

 $\underline{X}$  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0370. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R.

1.16.

 $\underline{X}$  Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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Respectfully submitted,

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